[Mr. G. Raman Menon.]

Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether any petition to the effect was received by the local Tahsildar before the auction sale?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In answer to part (*e*) of the question it is stated that the answer is in the negative. But in the answer to part (2) (*a*) of the question it is stated:

"One Krishnan Nambi of Panavelil applied in 1087 for the registry of the poramboke and its registry was then refused on the ground that it was used for public purposes."

Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any communication to the effect that after 1087 the *chal* ceased to be used for public purposes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): After 1087, another Tahsildar inspected the locality and stated that the *chal* was not very much needed for public purposes and that it might be assigned. On that report an enquiry was conducted and it was eventually decided that the *chal* might be assigned.

Prevention of Cholera.

150. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) In view of the fact that an epidemic of cholera broke out in the year 1100, as evidenced by the registry of 748 deaths from this disease, will the Government be pleased to state whether, as mentioned by the Dewan in paragraph 24 of his address at the 17th session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, "six trained medical men formed themselves into a brigade and did intensive team work" at any time before, during or after this out-break?

(2) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that only four persons out of those who suffered from cholera had the benefit of care and attention as in-patients in hospitals?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) Many of the patients prefer to be treated in their own houses. In all the places affected by epidemics, proper medical aid was rendered to the suffering public.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Did not the Dewan make an announcement in the Assembly that whenever cholera broke out six trained medical men forming a brigade would be deputed for the work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, he did.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Was nothing done in pursuance of the announcement?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The announcement was not carried out.

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MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): You mean to say that the statement remained mere empty words?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I find that nothing has been done.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will you kindly answer my question? Did that announcement remain mere empty words?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I just explained that nothing was done. It was not carried out.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With regard to part (2), may I know from the learned Chief Secretary whether it is the in-patients that receive better treatment or the out-patients?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot express any opinion on that point.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Does the Government incur more expenditure on in-patients or on out-patients?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government incur more expenditure on in-patients.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): The answer says that proper medical aid was rendered to the suffering public. What was the grade of the medical men deputed for cholera work in that year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot be positive on that point. I have not got the information.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is the Chief Secretary prepared to say that anybody higher than Sub-assistant Surgeons has at any time been deputed for the work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Cheif Secretary to Government*): I am not prepared to state that either. I have not got the information now.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Having made the annouuncement that six trained medical men would be deputed for the work is it justifiable to send raw youths?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If raw youths were deputed it cannot be justified unless they were found to be quite capable.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to call for information as to the grade of the men deputed for this work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of revising the cholera rules?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes,

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